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Memorandum.

POLICE FORCE,
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL.

Shanghai, 2.8. 1932

To S.I. (Office)

Sir,

Attached Statement + copy of British Subject. L.S. Bentley is passed for Information.

He states he is going to H.B.M. Consulate this morning to report the matter.

Bentley served a sentence of 8 months imprisonment for Trafficking in Arms. Sentenced in the British Court 21st. 3. 28 + Released on Remission 8.6.28

C.R.C. No. 1112.

Bentley

Yours Obediently
J. Dickson
S.I.

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE
C. & S. B. REGISTRY
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REPORT OF POLICE INVESTIGATIONS.

The following is the statement of Lewis Draper Bentley
native of British Subject ~~taken by me~~ written by himself
at 4.15 p.m. on the 1st Mar. 1932 ~~and interpreted by~~

My name is Lewis D. Bentley, British subject, thirty years of age, an employee of Messrs. Mitsui Bussan Kaisha, in Coal Delivery Dept. for seven years. On the 15th Feb. 1932, I was told by my boss to call the three coal lighters No. 7 No.12, No.14, from Toyoda Mill to return to our Pootung Wharf. Arriving at the mill, I found the boatmen wanted to run away, because the lighters seals are broken. I told them to stop on the boat and take them back to our wharf. As No.7 lighter has three persons, No.12 lighter also three and No.14 lighter has only two persons, the boatmen called me to help them and stay on the rudder. So I gave a chit to my motor driver, to take to office, telling them where I am. Everything went well for a while, on reaching Sho-so-do, or Ferry Road, in Soochow Creek, about twenty loafers jumped to the lighters, throw the anchors and demanded to know what it was. I explained to them very plainly in Chinese, that its Japanese coal and we are returning it back to the M.B.K. Wharf, because the boatmen refused to work for Japanese. So they wanted $50.00 for each lighter to pass. As I have not enough money on me, I said, I will give them a chit, to collect the money from our Company. So they said, you want us to be arrested by the Japanese, so you are a Japanese citizen, and we will take you to the Military Headquarters and have you shot. Now I find things are bad, I agree to go with them to the Military Headquarters. On the way, they search me and took away my note book, a fountain pen, an Eveready pencil and two notes of $15.00 (one $5.00 and one $10.00). Going to Chungshan Road, I saw a Chinese Merchant

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Volunteer, I called him to go with me to the Military Headquarters. Reaching a Military Camp at Chungsan Road and Markham Road Station, the Captain asked the loafers and they accused me of being an employee of a Japanese firm, and I have dismissed one of the former boatmen for no reason. The Captain asked for my name and wrote a petition of their statement and added that I am a Japanese spy, and sent me to Chenju to the 78th Division, I was asked again, and this time, I explained everything. Being an employee of a Japanese firm, I have to perform my duties as a servant, and the rest as stated above. So the Chinese police officer said I was a spy. I told them that I was taken up by a group of loafers on the lighter in Soochow Creek, and how can I be a spy when I am working with the Chinese boatmen. The Military officer told me to stay for a while, and he'll investigate the matter. About an hour after, he called me to sleep in the same room with the Quarter-master sergeant and he said if I can give a shop guarantee, I can go to-morrow. As I cannot communicate with the people in Shanghai, I stayed for two days in Chenju and on 17th, they send me to Nanziang to the 60th Division, and on the 18th, I was sent back to Chenju, to the Ministry of Communication, at about 8.15 a.m. and then to Loong-wha, the Military Headquarters, I was asked again and I told them the same story, then they sent me to the Mayor of Greater Shanghai. I stayed till 6 p.m. and was sent to the Nantao Police Station. I remained there till the 28th, when I was questioned. As I told them again the

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same story, I asked if I am guilty, but I was told that I am not guilty and was released to-day (1-3-32) at 9 a.m.

The above statement is the truth.

Sd. L. D. Bentley.

Witnessed J. C. Dickson D.S.I. 1-3-32

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